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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation of International Application  
PCT/EP02/05617, filed May 22, 2002.

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Title: **METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A STRUCTURAL  
COMPONENT**

Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet (3 pages).
2. 22 pages of specification, including 31 claims and Abstract of the Disclosure.
3. 2 sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-4.
4. First page of International Publication WO 02/094639 A1.
5. Form PCT/IB/308.
6. Certified copy of Priority Document 101 25 065.7 filed in Germany on May 23, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 with 7 documents and copies of International Search Report and German office action.

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